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SUBJECT: FUNDS FOR RCAA TRAVEL

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1. IN PAST AF/EX PROVIDED SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FUNDS FOR RCAA TRAVEL EACH FISCAL YEAR. THE AMOUNT WAS STIPULATED ON DS-150. LAST SUCH SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION WAS INITIAL DS-150 FOR FY-72. SUBSEQUENTLY EMBASSY INFORMED IT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROL AND LIMITATION.
2. AS MATTER OF PRACTICE EMBASSY HAS INCLUDED IN BUDGET WHATEVER FIGURE RCAA REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL. WHEN ALLOTMENTS RECEIVED, RCAA BUDGETED TRAVEL FIGURE REDUCED PROPORTIONATE TO REDUCTION OF PROGRAM ALLOTMENTS.
3. BUDGET RECORDS FOR FY-75 SUBMISSION REFLECT RCAA REQUESTED TOTAL \$9,541 FOR TRAVEL. RCAA LIMITED BY EMBASSY TO \$7,000 FOR THIS FY. ACCORDING TO CURRENT CALCULATIONS ESTIMATE RCAA HAS SPENT APPROXIMATELY \$7,860 FOR TRAVEL THIS FY. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED HIM THAT DUE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE REMAINDER FY, NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DISAPPROVE ANY FURTHER TRAVEL THROUGH JUNE UNLESS ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD BE ALLOTTED. CURRENT EMBASSY DEFICIT THROUGH END FY ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$100,000.
4. EMBASSY BELIEVES (AND HAS PREVIOUSLY SO STATED TO AF/EX) THAT IN FUTURE ALLOTMENT DOCUMENTS SHOULD CLEARLY STIPULATE

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AMOUNT BEING ALLOTTED FOR RCAA TRAVEL. THIS WILL ELIMINATE

MANY FUTURE PROBLEMS. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO CONTINUE PROCEDURE IN 2. ABOVE.

5. IF PROPOSAL IN 4. ABOVE ACCEPTED, REQUEST SAME PROCEDURE FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE AS HIS TRAVEL FUNDING WILL PRESENT EMBASSY WITH SAME DIFFICULTIES IN COMING FISCAL YEAR.
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